

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Please replace the title with the following:

METHOD OF ~~MARKING~~ MAKING A LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE  
PRECURSOR

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A method of making a heat-sensitive lithographic printing ~~plate-s-precursor~~ plate precursor is disclosed which comprises the steps of (i) providing a web of a lithographic support having a hydrophilic surface; (ii) coating a layer comprising a phenolic resin on the hydrophilic surface of the web; ~~is~~ (iii) drying the layer; (iv) a heating step wherein the web temperature is maintained above 150°C during a period of between 0.1 and 60 seconds; and (v) winding the coated web on a core or cutting the coated web into sheets. ~~Is~~ The short on-line heating step provides a significant improvement of the aging behavior of the precursor. A stable sensitivity is obtained shortly after coating.